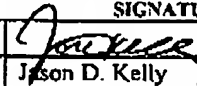
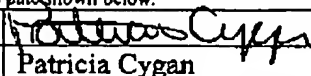


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	Art Unit	3762	
	Examiner Name	Scott M. Getzow	
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